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WWCR: Sat 0700, Sun 0330 5070, 0730 3210, Wed 1030 9475

RFPI: Sat 0130, 0730, Sun 0000, 0600, Mon 0030, 0630... on 7445

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** BELGIUM [and non]: Summer A-03 schedule for RVI in English:

0700-0725 1512 WOL 025 kW / non-dir to Eu
5985 JUL 100 kW / non-dir to Eu
1130-1155 9865 P.K 100 kW / 244 deg to EaAs
1730-1755 1512 WOL 025 kW / non-dir to Eu
9925 ARM 200 kW / 284 deg to Eu
13690 SKN 250 kW / 180 deg to SoWeEu
13710 JUL 100 kW / 115 deg to SoEaEu/ME
1930-1955 1512 WOL 300 kW / non-dir to Eu
9925 ARM 200 kW / 284 deg to Eu
13690 SKN 250 kW / 180 deg to SoWeEu
2230-2255 15565 BON 250 kW / 350 deg to NoAmEa
0300-0325 15565 BON 250 kW / 320 deg to NoAmWe
73 from (Ivo and Angel! Observer March 19 via DXLD)

** CAMBODIA. FEBC is reportedly authorised to use 810 and 1413 kHz
http://www.amarc.org/amarc/ang/intro/CSP_Cambodia_SRO.doc
(Alan Davies, 23 Feb 2003, ARC InfoDesk via Olle Alm, DXLD)

** CANADA. Shelagh Rogers Monday, March 17, 2003

TORONTO (CP) - Sounds like Shelagh Rogers is heading for the West Coast.

Rogers' morning program, Sounds Like Canada, will be redesigned and moved to Vancouver in September says Jane Chalmers, CBC Radio vice-president. "I am very excited about this transition," Rogers says in a statement. "I believe that this increased regional representation is the right direction for the program and I look forward to the show being able to tell even more stories that reflect all parts of Canada."

Vancouver-based producer Anne Penman takes over as the new executive producer with contributions coming from Bernard St. Laurent and a unit that will remain in Toronto.

Amid rumours that she was unhappy with the format of the flagship morning show that began last October, Rogers has been on the medical leave since January for high blood pressure. Sounds Like Canada, the CBC's successor to This morning, airs weekdays at 10:05 a.m. on Radio

One (From Harry van Vugt, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, DXLD)

** CANADA [non]. Glenn, I'm not sure whether you'd want to file this under CANADA (non) or USA (non): When I was listening to CBC Radio One blanket coverage at around 3:35 AM ET on Friday, I heard a repeat of an interview which Mary Lou Findlay did on Thursday evening with Prior Smith, producer/host of "Canada Calling." This is a news programme meant for Canadian snowbirds in the southern US, with a 5-minute news bulletin Mondays to Saturdays and a 15-minute weekly review on Sundays. The show was run, until earlier this week, on 24 stations in Florida, Texas and Arizona. However, WENG in Englewood, FL [1530 -- I had to look it up since Smith didn't give the frequency] dropped the show after Tuesday's edition. Smith had reported on Prime Minister ChrÉtien's statement to the House of Commons, on Monday, that Canada would not be joining in the war coalition. The station manager (or PD -- my notes are not quite clear about this) dropped the show since he wanted only "pro-American" news on his station. Smith says that the manager/PD is new to the job, and quite right-wing. He also said that he wasn't personally informed of this, but was informed by a third party who had received a press release from the station. Smith told Findlay that he isn't particularly concerned, since there are four other stations which can be heard in the Englewood area which also carry "Canada Calling." He also said that the press release had sort of left the door open to return to carrying the show next winter, but that if approached, Smith would tell them to "get lost."

BTW, "Canada Calling" has been on the air for 50 years. Smith has been producing the show for the past 26 years, from his log home north of Peterborough, Ontario. Incidentally, there doesn't seem to be a website for "Canada Calling." However, I found an article from the November 2002 issue of Broadcast Dialogue magazine at the following URL:

http://www.broadcastdialogue.com/article_view.asp?action=view&idnumber=40773- (Bill Westenhaver, QC, DXLD)

** CUBA. CUBA VOWS TO TRY DETAINED DISSIDENTS

By KEVIN GRAY, Associated Press

The U.S. Interests Section here distributes shortwave radios and a wide range of books and pamphlets throughout Cuba with the stated purpose of promoting American culture, democracy and human rights. <http://www.tri-cityherald.com/24hour/world/story/817569p-5789039c.html> (via Jilly Dybka, KF4ZE0, TN, March 20 via DXLD)

** EGYPT. 864 comes from Sanata in the Nile delta; it has twin 250 kW transmitters, but only one was operational when I visited it. Has open wire feeder to a quarter wave mast, set on an insulator (Paul Rusling via MWC e-mail news 3.3.2003, ARC Info Desk via Olle Alm, DXLD)

1476, Tarek Zeidan in Egypt confirms that Egyptian transmitter(s) are audible on 1476. Tarek has monitored this around 2030 UT and found Holy Koran on 1476 to be // 1584 and // 864 kHz at this time (Steve Whitt via MWC e-mail news 3.3.2003, ARC Info Desk via Olle Alm, DXLD)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. On 21 Mar on 5005 at 2025 a strong station with African music. As I suspected, they announced (in Spanish) "Radio Nacional Radio Bata". The ID mentioned frequencies (I hope I got them all correct) FM 98 and 102 and SW 5005 and 15190. Hope they will stay on the air now for at least a few months :). Modulation and signal strength are great here (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HAWAII. Glenn, it's not in the latest FCC Public notice of call letter changes, (Report No. 455 Media Bureau Call Sign Actions 3-20-2003), but on Mar 19 the FCC granted the call letter change from KAHU (1060 kHz Hilo, HI) to KHBC.

Fac ID Call Sign Service City State Effective Date Assigned To
34846 KHBC-TV TV HILO HI 02/05/1986 RAYCOM NATIONAL, INC.
33324 KHBC AM HILO HI 03/19/2003 HILO BROADCASTING, L.L.C.

Call Sign History
Current Call Sign: KHBC
Facility ID Number: 33324
Call Sign Begin Date
KHBC 03/19/2003
KAHU 12/27/1984 831205AB
(via Donald Wilson, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HUNGARY. Summer A-03 schedule for Radio Budapest:

English to Eu	1500-1528 Sun	6025	9715
	1900-1928 Daily	3975	6025 11720
	2100-2128 Daily	6025	

English to SoAf	2100-2128 Daily	11890	
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English to NoAm	0100-0128 Daily	9590	
	0230-0258 Daily	9570	

German to Eu	1200-1258 Sun	6025	7220
	1400-1458 Sun	6025	7160
	1700-1758 Sun	5970	6025
	1730-1758 Mon-Sat	3975	6025
	1930-1958 Mon-Sat	3975	6025

French to Eu	1600-1628 Daily	3975	6025
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	2000-2028	Daily	6025	7185
Hungarian to Eu	0400-1058	Sun	6025	(relay Kossuth R)
	0400-1558	Mon-Sat	6025	(relay Kossuth R)
	1100-1158	Sun	6025	
	1300-1358	Sun	6025	
	1800-1858	Daily	3975	6025 7170*addit freq
	2200-2258	Daily	6025	
Hungarian to NoAm	0000-0058	Daily	9800	
	0130-0228	Daily	9570	
	2000-2058	Daily	11890	
Hungarian to SoAm	2200-2258	Daily	9850	11990
	2300-2358	Mon	9850	11990
Hungarian to AUS	1100-1158	Daily	21560	
	2100-2158	Daily	9780	
Hungarian to SoAf	1700-1758	Daily	15275	new txion
Italian to Eu	1630-1658	Daily	6025	9525
	2030-2058	Daily	3975	6025
Russian to Eu	0300-0328	Daily	3975	6025
	1530-1558	Sun	6025	9740
	1700-1728	Mon-Sat	6025	9650
	1930-1958	Sun	3975	6025
Spanish to Eu	0330-0358	Daily	3975	6025
	2130-2158	Daily	6025	11685

73 from (Ivo and Angel! Observer March 19 via DXLD)

** IRAQ [and non]. Hi Glenn; Just wanted to give you my observations of the Iraq Satellite Channel between 0525 and 0710 UTC Mar 20.

Between 0525 and 0710 UTC Mar 20, I was observing the behavior of Iraq Satellite Channel on Telstar 5, Ku band. At 0528, a man in a military uniform gives a brief address, followed immediately by the national anthem. Saddam Hussein came on at 0531 with an address, but approximately 30 seconds into the address, the transmission was interrupted by full-field color bars and white noise on the audio. The quality of the color bars was poor, possibly indicating that the uplink was being jammed. During this ten-minute interval of interruption, parts of Hussein's speech made it through on audio, as if someone was repeaking the uplink dish, and momentarily overcoming the interference. I'm not sure about this, but I think the ISC is

received in France on C-band analog from Iraq and sent to the US, where it is digitized, and uplinked to Telstar 5. Maybe the C-band uplink was being jammed? Programming resumed at 0540, and the above sequence was repeated, suggesting that Hussein's address was possibly prerecorded. This time the color bar disruption lasted until approximately 0630, with audio portions occasionally bleeding through during this time.

Jordanian TV carried Saddam's whole address just after 0700 with no interruptions; they received the address from another Iraqi TV network. (Steven Zimmerman, WI, March 20, 2003, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAQ. I picked the official Radio Baghdad, ``idha`at jamhoryat al Iraq`` on 11787 kHz around 1835 UT with a speech by one of the listeners followed by a song --- the audio is VERY bad. SIO 232... unfortunately the transmission of Baghdad radio on satellite is not working as I write this. I used to pick them up on the Hot Bird satellite 13 Deg. East, the Iraqi satellite channel is still on though the media minister of Iraq declared that the Americans are trying to interfere with the Iraqi satellite channel --- but we will manage to get it back on the air. in a press conference in Baghdad today.

I'll try to get the Radio Baghdad on another satellite, maybe the Arab Sat 26 Deg. east. Will let you know (Tarek Zeidan, Cairo, Egypt, March 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAQ. Baghdad 11787.04. Hi, just a note for those who are maybe interested - there is a carrier on 11787 kHz today (20 MAR, observed from ca. 0600 and at 0900 still there). On this frequency General Program from Iraq should be relayed (Karel Honzik, Czechia, hard-core-dx, Mar 20 via DXLD)

Yes, heard on Mar 21, at around 1000-1200 UT on 11787.04 kHz, BUT very weak program audio level. Co-channel interference on 11785 from Radio Cairo Egypt and VoA Udorn, Thailand in Chinese (Wolfgang Bueschel, Germany, Mar 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I have been hearing the carrier on 11787 but not positively any audio --- I think what I could hear was splash from 11785.

According to BBC radio, several B52 bombers took off from Fairford [UK] around lunchtime. Maybe they have equipment with them which will help to re-engineer Saddam's transmitters?

Propagation is still poor - it seems something also went "bang" in the ionosphere during the night. The 13mb is still closed, but there are a few signals coming in on 16m now. I'll be happy when things settle down again and we can get back to some 'serious' monitoring!

(Noel Green, UK, March 21, via Wolfgang Bueschel, DXLD)

Totally agree, yes, the signal was always a poor, weak carrier in past few years. Radio Baghdad's equipment was totally knocked down by Bush father.

Seldom could be recognized few words of the program content, except in our early morning grey line/sunrise portion 0500 til 0800 UT, like the peak of R Sanaa on 9779v.

Yes, heard it on our DLF radio. Instantly I thought about the airroute they took. Because Switzerland and Austria closed their air space for war planes except hospital emergency flights.

And is the French air space also closed for US bombers usage now?

The estimated air route via Belgium, Germany, CzechRep, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria stops on the Turkish border, because Turkish parliament denied all Pentagon inquiries yet.

So assume, they took the southern route, via Start Point, Lands Ends, Scilly Isl, Spain, Mediterranean Sea, Malta, Cyprus, Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia/Kuwait.

At 1000 UT I heard only few stations on 13 and 16 mb. Also poor conditions on 31 to 23 mb, but conditions increased a little bit from about 1115 UT (Wolfgang Bueschel, Germany, March 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAQ. Media behaviour note 1600-1800 gmt 21 Mar 03

All Iraqi TV and radio programmes in this period were interspersed with patriotic songs hailing Iraq and President Saddam Husayn. In a live two-way interview on the UK's Channel 4 television station at 1930 gmt, the channel's correspondent in Baghdad stated that Iraqi domestic TV and radio were still operational.

Republic of Iraq Television

Video reception of Republic of Iraq Television continues to be unmonitorable. However, the audio of the station was heard on the frequency 612.750 kHz from 1620 until 1810 gmt, when the audio became unmonitorable.

Iraq Satellite Channel

1602 gmt: Recorded sermon from the Muhammad Rasulullah Mosque by Shaykh Musatafa al-Samarra'i, the mosque's preacher and imam, who

speaks about the anti-Iraq war and urges Iraqis to rise up to defend their country.

1700 gmt: Newscast containing the following reports:

1. President Saddam Husayn orders cash awards to soldiers who shoot down enemy planes or capture or kill enemy soldiers.
2. Information Minister Muhammad Sa'id al-Sahhaf holds a news conference and asks journalists to go to hospitals to see the wounded and to inquire about the bombarded areas. Interior minister also takes part in the news conference.
3. The bombardment of Iraqi areas causes several casualties among civilians. The wounded speak about what happened to them.
4. A US spokesman "admits that a US helicopter crashed and 16 soldiers were killed".
5. Reactions to "the US-British aggression" against Iraq continue. Reports from various parts of the world cited.
6. Extensive demonstrations in Arab and world capitals to protest the aggression on Iraq. Reports on demonstrations in various Arab and world capitals.
7. Friday prayer preachers at Iraqi mosques prayed to God to protect Iraq and President Saddam Husayn from the invaders.
8. Christian communities in Iraq hold special prayers to pray to God to protect Iraq and President Saddam Husayn.
9. Peace activists in Baghdad reiterate their solidarity with Iraq.

From 1730-1755 gmt, the television carries a recording of a news conference held by Iraqi Information Minister Muhammad Sa'id al-Sahhaf and Interior Minister Mahmud Dhiyab al-Ahmad.

At 1757 gmt, the station carries a news summary. The only item in the cast is Saddam's meeting with Qusay Saddam Husayn, member of the Iraq Command of the Arab Socialist Ba'th Party and supervisor of the Republican Guard, and General Sultan Hashim Ahmad, the defence minister.

Republic of Iraq Radio Main Service

The station continues to be heard on 603 kHz (believed to be the Ninawah transmitter), 846 kHz (believed to be the Nasiriyah

transmitter) and 909 kHz (believed to be the Baghdad transmitter).

The station was also heard on 1044 kHz, a frequency which has in the past been used by Voice of Youth radio operated by Uday Saddam Husayn.

The station continues to carry scheduled news on the hour, as well as patriotic songs and talks.

Internet

The Iraqi News Agency (INA) web site,
<http://www.uruklink.net/iraqnews/> which became inaccessible at around 0830 gmt, remained inaccessible as of 1800 gmt.

Source: BBC Monitoring research 21 Mar 03 (via DXLD)

** IRAQ [non]. On 21 Mar at 2140 on 9715 Information Radio can be heard with good signal on a clear channel (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

COMMANDO SOLO UPDATES:

<http://www.sunspot.net/technology/bal-sites0321,0,19404.story?coll=bal-technology-headlines>

<http://www.wlbt.com/Global/story.asp?S=1191039&nav=2CSfEj7F>

<http://www.nzherald.co.nz/storydisplay.cfm?storyID=3251263&thesection=news&thesubsection=world>

<http://news.independent.co.uk/world/politics/story.jsp?story=389188>
(via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

** IRAQ [non]. Hello Glenn, Today 19/3/03 I was monitoring 4025 kHz as usual [V. of Iraqi Liberation] and found out that they started saying the usual statements to the Iraqi soldiers and the Iraqi people. Not only in Arabic, but also in Kurdish!

One of the messages was around 1845 UT and it was like this: if you saw a plane falling and managed to get hold of its pilot, treat him well, provide him with food and water and report his position to the coalition forces center ASAP. And after that there was a message in Kurdish; first time to hear such a message. Sounds like it's pretty close :((TAREK ZEIDAN, Egypt, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ISRAEL. Moshe Oren said, that due to the Emergency Situation, the 0500 UTC broadcast will be broadcast at 0600 UTC (8 AM Israel Time/1 AM Eastern), using the same 0500 UTC frequencies - until further notice. No other English shortwave changes are being made.
The 0600 UTC frequencies: 6280, 9435, 17600

You may refer to the regular shortwave schedule at:
<http://www.israelradio.org/sw.htm>

There will not be a shortwave relay of the Midnight Israel Time/2200 UTC/5 PM Eastern Time English broadcast. It will, however, be available live, at the [israelradio.org](http://www.israelradio.org) website.

The live feed covers the following English broadcasts (all of them, besides the 1730 UT):

0600 UT (8 AM Israel Time/1 AM Eastern)
1115 UT (1:15 PM Israel Time/6:15 AM Eastern)
2000 UT (10 PM Israel Time/3 PM Eastern)
2200 UT (Midnight Israel Time/5 PM Eastern)

<http://www.israelradio.org/livestream.htm>

The recorded broadcasts available on [israelradio.org](http://www.israelradio.org) are the 0600 UT and the 1730 UT.

There is also a link to the 'latest' recorded English news (all of the domestic ones, including the 2200 UT - but not the Reshet Hey (2000 UT) broadcast) at: <http://bet.iba.org.il/PopUpEnglish.html>

Also, interesting to note (domestically), according to [israelradio.org](http://www.israelradio.org) "Reshet Gimel is operating normally but on its FM frequencies only."
(Doni Rosenzweig, NY, March 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN. An error was made in the Mar. 19 issue of 'NHK WORLD e-GUIDE No. 49'. The correct information is as follows. We apologize for any inconvenience this error may have caused. -

Arabian language - <Regular broadcast> Incorrect: 16:30-16:00 -->
Correct: 16:00-16:30

--* Notice from NHK WORLD *-*-*
*NHK World Radio Japan Special Transmissions

A military force led by the United States and etc. began an attack on Iraq on March 20, Japan Standard Time. NHK WORLD has changed its programming schedule in order to provide prompt and accurate news and safety information. Please refer to the 'What's New' section of the NHK WORLD Homepage <http://www.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/>

*NHK World TV
Full use shall be made of the round-the-clock broadcasting, changing the format as necessary in order to deliver the latest information.

*Frequency changes for NHK World Radio Japan Starting at 11:00 a.m.

(Japan Standard Time) on Monday March 31. Frequencies for NHK World Radio Japan will change.

::: How to Obtain the New Frequency Chart :::

1. By Mail: Send a letter to NHK World Radio Japan. Address : NHK World Radio Japan, NHK 150-8001 JAPAN

2. Fax Service: The fax service only provides frequency charts and Japanese language broadcast schedule. Fax: +81-3-5454-0888(tone dial only) Insert the Information Number (260) and press the start button (Telephone guidance instructions are only available in Japanese)

We will change the website's frequency chart on Monday March 31(JST).
(via Wolfgang Bueschel, DXLD)

** KUWAIT. Apparently Radio Kuwait dropped not only Persian but also English. Uwe Volk noted around 1900 on 11990 Arabic instead; see the below included message. Still Arabic on 11990 right now (2020).

Hallo a-dxer, Offenbar hat Radio Kuwait sein Programm in Englisch (1800-2100 UT 11990 kHz) gestrichen, gegen 1900 UT ist nur Arabisch zu hoeren. // Frequenzen: 9855, 9880, 15495 kHz. Viele Gruesse, (Uwe Volk, A-DX via Wolfgang Bueschel, DXLD)

** MALI. RTM Bamakoi noted also on odd 9633.38 kHz, but very weak signal at 1140 UT (Wolfgang Bueschel, Germany, Mar 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALTA [non]. Voice of the Mediterranean, Malta, has shifted to their new address effective from 1st March 2003. Voice of the Mediterranean, Chircop Building, Floor 2, Valley Road, Birikirkara, BKR14, Malta (Swopan Chakroborty, Kolkata, India, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. R. NEW ZEALAND INT. PREVIEWS Edition 241
Mar. 22-28, 2003 (UT)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

Massive power price increases have prompted Radio New Zealand International to reduce transmission power from 100 to 50 kW and also reduce transmission hours. Unseasonably dry weather has pushed the spot price for electricity to a multiple of its usual level. Most of RNZ's domestic broadcasts are now powered by diesel generators because of the high electricity costs. RNZI's Manager, Linden Clark, says restrictions won't last beyond the end of March. RNZI will close transmission after the breakfast session at 2220 UT. RNZI revised transmission hours are as follows:

1700-2220 - 15265
0000-0100 - 17675
0300-0400 - 17675
0500-0705 - 15340
0706-1106 - 11675
1106-1300 - 15175 kHz (via John Figliozzi, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PORTUGAL. Comments to WRTVH data, which is wrong year after year...

RDP:

The transmitter under "CEN" is in fact at Castanheira do Ribatejo, not Lisboa, and it's about 20 km NE of the capital; the old 10 kW reserve units and the two Brown Boveri 135 kW units are inactive and the "CEN"-Centro Emissor Nacional became an automated, sat.-fed station; it operates on 666 kHz with 10 kW. The 720 kHz 10 kW site listed under Porto is in fact at Miramar, about 9 km south of Porto, and was formerly used by Radio Club Português; the old RDP site at Azurara, north of Porto, is inactive, but still houses the (old) 100 kW transmitters plus the also old reserve units.

What partly explains why those sites (Castanheira and Miramar) may offer easy TA reception is the fact that the former is right next to the Tejo River and the latter is very near the shore line. The same may also apply to Mentemo-o-Velho, central Portugal, 630 kHz 10 kW, as the tower is, like in Castanheira, very near a river in this case, the Mondego. Those are good factors for signal take off.

R·dio Comercial

The WRTVH keeps listing both used channels and/or sites as well as the sole two sites that are actually in use for the station MW program which IDs as R·dio Nacional, not R·dio Comercial, viz:
Canidelo (south of Porto, right on the south bank of the Douro river and also very near the ocean line) 783 kHz 10 kW and Porto Alto 1035 kHz 100 kW, aboutt 20 km NE of the capital. Canidelo was in the past the site for the Emissores do Norte Reunidos.

R·dio RenascenÁa

I've been at the station Muge site about a week ago, and immediately understood the look it offered meant it was another automated site: a rusty road panel indicating the station and the site name, then closed gates, a broken porch lamp before the smaller gate, too many weeds in and out of the premises... and no fence at all around the several inactive HF rhombics. The only fence I could see was around the houses and the MW tower. This MW site is listed at 100 kW 594 kHz, but usually run at just 60-70 kW, and currently at even less (2 x 10 kW, i.e. the reserve units) as a spare for the main transmitter is being awaited. Muge is about 45 km NE of the capital, and just a few km northwards of the ghost site of Glória do Ribatejo, with all the

RL/RFE antennae still up (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal in an email (11/3-2003), Ydun's MW News via DXLD)

** ROMANIA. RRI Bucharest in Romanian at 1100-1200 UT on 15290 via Galbeni site produces two spurious signals on 15227.7 and 15352.3 kHz. Galbeni signal is a little behind \\ 15105 kHz from Tiganesti (Wolfgang Bueschel, Mar 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [non]. Re: RUSSIA INCREASES RADIO BROADCASTS TO IRAQ | Text of report in English by Russian news agency ITAR-TASS
The broadcasting time increased thanks to new transmitters which provide for broadcasting for the region in Arabic, English and Russian....

This strongly suggests that the new J,lich arrangements are now in force. No updated schedule information on the VOR website so far. (Wolfgang Bueschel, March 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. Glenn, I've spent a good part of the last couple of days cursing (again) the BBC's decision to suspend shortwave transmissions to North America, in favor of FM re-broadcasts and Web-casting. Especially the latter --- with all the hits on it, the World Service's Real Audio server is break-dancing like a chicken on nerve gas. Since it is supposed to be their preferred option for what's left of their North American audience, one would think they would have upped the capacity in anticipation of the outbreak of war (Chuck Albertson, Seattle, Wash., March 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. To the BBC Staff: You tout the BBC website as the be-all and end-all of information providing, but when I make a special trip to the library so that I can get on the Internet and access your website in order to get new program schdules for April for the various shortwave-broadcast streams to which I listen, I discover that NONE of them has anything after the first week in April, and even that is missing Friday data on some of them! What kind of sloppy work is this? If the on-line data isn't there, how can it have been included in the mailed On Air magazine? What is going on? Every time the schedule changes, you act like it never happened before and you have no idea what to do! This has happened twice or more each year for decades! Surely you could have gotten it right and worked out to a simple routine by now!?!?! I'd appreciate it if you could postal-mail me one of those schedule charts that list all the streams and show the new-schedule programme lineup. You used to send these out and I hope you still do upon request (William Martin, Saint Louis, Missouri, to BBC, cc to DXLD)

** U K. BBC A'03 (Via Merlin) (Sorted by selected Languages only)
[First section, BBC ENG, means language lessons]

FREQ	START	END	DAYS	SITE	PWR	BRG	LANG	TARGET
6005	0705	0720	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	27	BBC ENG (AFR)	W AF
3390	1730	1745	smtwtfs	Meyerton	100	76	BBC ENG (AFR)	AF
7230	1730	1745	smtwtfs	Meyerton	500	20	BBC ENG (AFR)	AF
9525	1730	1745	smtwtfs	Meyerton	335		BBC ENG (AFR)	AF
15105	1915	1930	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	65	BBC ENG (AFR)	W C AF
17885	1915	1930	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	27	BBC ENG (AFR)	W AF
6050	1730	1745	.m.w...	Cyprus	250	315	BBC ENG (ALBANIA)	SE EUR
11955	1730	1745	.m.w...	Woofferton	250	114	BBC ENG (ALBANIA)	SE EUR
15585	1730	1745	.m.w...	Skelton	300	125	BBC ENG (ALBANIA)	SE EUR
9605	1030	1100	smtwtfs	Yamata	300	290	BBC ENG (ASIA)	E FE
11945	1030	1100	smtwtfs	NakhonSawan	250	20	BBC ENG (ASIA)	E FE
15285	1030	1100	smtwtfs	Singapore	100	13	BBC ENG (ASIA)	E SE AS
21660	1030	1100	smtwtfs	NakhonSawan	250	25	BBC ENG (ASIA)	E FE
6140	1445	1500	.mtwtfs	A'Seela	250	60	BBC ENG (ASIA S)	S AS
7205	1445	1500	.mtwtfs	NakhonSawan	250	305	BBC ENG (ASIA S)	S AS
15105	1230	1245	smtwtfs	Woofferton	300	170	BBC ENG (FRENCH)	N AF
17780	1230	1245	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	27	BBC ENG (FRENCH)	W AF
21640	1230	1245	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	85	BBC ENG (FRENCH)	W C AF
15105	1330	1345	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	55	BBC ENG (HAUSA)	W AF
21640	1330	1345	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	65	BBC ENG (HAUSA)	W AF
9580	0030	0100	smtwtfs	Singapore	250	330	BBC ENG (LD)	S AS
17615	0030	0100	smtwtfs	NakhonSawan	250	25	BBC ENG (LD)	FE
6010	0430	0445	smtwtfs	Skelton	300	110	BBC ENG (LD)	SE EUR
9815	0430	0445	smtwtfs	Rampisham	500	105	BBC ENG (LD)	SE EUR
7135	1130	1145	smtwtfs	Singapore	100	13	BBC ENG (LD)	CHN
11920	1130	1145	smtwtfs	NakhonSawan	250	20	BBC ENG (LD)	FE
11685	1530	1545	smtwtfs	Singapore	250	320	BBC ENG (LD)	S AS
15540	1530	1545	smtwtfs	Singapore	100	315	BBC ENG (LD)	S AS
9875	0530	0545	s.....s	Cyprus	250	335	BBC ENG (ROMANIA)	SE EUR
11680	1015	1030	smtwtfs	Cyprus	250	7	BBC ENG (RUSS)	RUSS
13750	1015	1030	smtwtfs	Rampisham	500	62	BBC ENG (RUSS)	RUSS
15325	1015	1030	smtwtfs	Cyprus	250	50	BBC ENG (RUSS)	RUSS
17695	1015	1030	smtwtfs	Lampertheim	100	77	BBC ENG (RUSS)	RUSS
11860	1400	1415	.mtw...	Seychelles	250	300	BBC ENG (SOMALI)	E AF
15420	1400	1415	.mtw...	Seychelles	250	295	BBC ENG (SOMALI)	E AF
21490	1400	1415	.mtw...	Cyprus	250	160	BBC ENG (SOMALI)	E AF
9610	0245	0300	smtwtfs	Seychelles	250	270	BBC ENG (SWAHILI)	E AF
9530	1630	1700	smtwtfs	Cyprus	250	7	BBC ENG (UKR)	UKR
11735	1630	1700	smtwtfs	Lampertheim	100	75	BBC ENG (UKR)	UKR
13645	1630	1700	smtwtfs	Rampisham	500	76	BBC ENG (UKR)	UKR
3255	0300	0500	smtwtfs	Meyerton	100	0	ENGLISH (AFE)	S AF
6005	0300	0400	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	102	ENGLISH (AFE)	S AF
6190	0300	0500	smtwtfs	Meyerton	100	15	ENGLISH (AFE)	S AF
9750	0300	0400	smtwtfs	Seychelles	250	280	ENGLISH (AFE)	E AF

12035	0300	0400	smtwtfs	Cyprus	250	173	ENGLISH (AFE)	E AF
15420	0329	0600	smtwtfs	Seychelles	250	280	ENGLISH (AFE)	E AF
17640	0400	0700	smtwtfs	Cyprus	250	173	ENGLISH (AFE)	E AF
6190	0500	1700	smtwtfs	Meyerton	100	0	ENGLISH (AFE)	S AF
11940	0500	1700	smtwtfs	Meyerton	100	15	ENGLISH (AFE)	S AF
17885	0500	0529	smtwtfs	Seychelles	250	270	ENGLISH (AFE)	E AF
17885	0529	0559	.mtwtf.	Seychelles	250	270	ENGLISH (AFE)	E AF
17885	0559	0600	smtwtfs	Seychelles	250	270	ENGLISH (AFE)	E AF
17885	0600	0800	s.....s	Seychelles	250	270	ENGLISH (AFE)	E AF
17885	0800	1400	smtwtfs	Seychelles	250	270	ENGLISH (AFE)	E AF
21470	0800	1300	smtwtfs	Seychelles	250	240	ENGLISH (AFE)	S AF
15420	1300	1400	smtwtfs	Seychelles	250	280	ENGLISH (AFE)	E AF
21470	1300	1900	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	114	ENGLISH (AFE)	S AF
21660	1400	1600	smtwtfs	Cyprus	250	175	ENGLISH (AFE)	E AF
11860	1500	1530	smtwtfs	Seychelles	250	270	ENGLISH (AFE)	E AF
15420	1500	1530	smtwtfs	Seychelles	250	280	ENGLISH (AFE)	E AF
21490	1500	1530	smtwtfs	Meyerton	500	7	ENGLISH (AFE)	S AF
11860	1615	1700	s.....s	Seychelles	250	270	ENGLISH (AFE)	E AF
15420	1615	1630	s.....s	Seychelles	250	280	ENGLISH (AFE)	E AF
21490	1615	1700	s.....s	Meyerton	500	7	ENGLISH (AFE)	S AF
15420	1630	1700	smtwtfs	Seychelles	250	280	ENGLISH (AFE)	E AF
3255	1700	2200	smtwtfs	Meyerton	100	0	ENGLISH (AFE)	S AF
6005	1700	1746	smtwtfs	Seychelles	250	270	ENGLISH (AFE)	E AF
6190	1700	2200	smtwtfs	Meyerton	100	15	ENGLISH (AFE)	S AF
9630	1700	1746	smtwtfs	Seychelles	250	280	ENGLISH (AFE)	E AF
15420	1700	1900	smtwtfs	Meyerton	250	19	ENGLISH (AFE)	S AF
6005	1830	2100	smtwtfs	Seychelles	250	270	ENGLISH (AFE)	E AF
9630	1830	2100	smtwtfs	Seychelles	250	280	ENGLISH (AFE)	E AF
12095	1900	2100	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	114	ENGLISH (AFE)	S AF
6005	2100	2200	smtwtfs	Seychelles	250	240	ENGLISH (AFE)	S AF
7120	0300	0000	smtwtfs	Meyerton	500	335	ENGLISH (AFW)	W AF
7160	0300	0700	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	65	ENGLISH (AFW)	W C AF
6005	0400	0705	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	27	ENGLISH (AFW)	W AF
7120	0400	0500	smtwtfs	Meyerton	250	328	ENGLISH (AFW)	W AF
11765	0500	0700	smtwtfs	Meyerton	250	328	ENGLISH (AFW)	W AF
15400	0629	0700	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	65	ENGLISH (AFW)	W C AF
11765	0700	0800	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	27	ENGLISH (AFW)	W AF
15400	0700	1000	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	27	ENGLISH (AFW)	W AF
17830	0800	1000	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	65	ENGLISH (AFW)	W C AF
15400	1000	1100	s.....s	Ascension	250	27	ENGLISH (AFW)	W AF
17830	1000	1100	s.....s	Ascension	250	65	ENGLISH (AFW)	W C AF
15400	1100	1130	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	27	ENGLISH (AFW)	W AF
17830	1100	2100	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	65	ENGLISH (AFW)	W C AF
15400	1500	2300	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	27	ENGLISH (AFW)	W AF
17830	2100	2300	smtwtfs	Seychelles	250	270	ENGLISH (AFW)	W AF
5975	0000	0400	smtwtfs	Antigua	250	160	ENGLISH (AME)	CARIB

9825	0000	0300	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	245	ENGLISH (AME)	S AM
11835	0000	0300	smtwtfs	Okeechobee	50	285	ENGLISH (AME)	C AM
12095	0000	0300	smtwtfs	Skelton	300	230	ENGLISH (AME)	S AM
11835	0300	0500	smtwtfs	Delano	250	121	ENGLISH (AME)	C AM
5975	0400	0500	smtwtfs	Antigua	125	235	ENGLISH (AME)	S AM
5975	0400	0500	smtwtfs	Antigua	125	290	ENGLISH (AME)	CARIB
15190	0900	1000	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	235	ENGLISH (AME)	S AM
6195	1000	1100	smtwtfs	Antigua	250	160	ENGLISH (AME)	CARIB
15190	1000	1100	s.....s	Ascension	250	235	ENGLISH (AME)	S AM
6195	1100	1130	s.....s	Antigua	250	160	ENGLISH (AME)	CARIB
15190	1100	1130	s.....s	Antigua	125	205	ENGLISH (AME)	S AM
15190	1100	1130	s.....s	Antigua	125	300	ENGLISH (AME)	CARIB
15190	1100	1130	s.....s	Ascension	250	235	ENGLISH (AME)	S AM
17790	1100	1130	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	245	ENGLISH (AME)	S AM
6195	1130	1200	smtwtfs	Antigua	250	160	ENGLISH (AME)	CARIB
15190	1130	1200	.mtwtf.	Antigua	125	205	ENGLISH (AME)	S AM
15190	1130	1200	.mtwtf.	Antigua	125	300	ENGLISH (AME)	CARIB
15190	1130	1700	s.....s	Antigua	125	205	ENGLISH (AME)	S AM
15190	1130	1700	s.....s	Antigua	125	300	ENGLISH (AME)	CARIB
6195	1200	1230	s.....s	Antigua	250	160	ENGLISH (AME)	CARIB
6195	1230	1400	smtwtfs	Antigua	250	160	ENGLISH (AME)	CARIB
15190	1230	1700	.mtwtf.	Antigua	125	205	ENGLISH (AME)	S AM
15190	1230	1700	.mtwtf.	Antigua	125	300	ENGLISH (AME)	CARIB
5975	2100	2130	s.....s	Antigua	250	160	ENGLISH (AME)	CARIB
12095	2100	2400	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	245	ENGLISH (AME)	S AM
5975	2130	2400	smtwtfs	Antigua	250	160	ENGLISH (AME)	CARIB
3915	0000	0030	smtwtfs	Singapore	100	160	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
6195	0000	0200	smtwtfs	Singapore	125	1	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
6195	0000	0200	smtwtfs	Singapore	125	90	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
9740	0000	0100	smtwtfs	Singapore	50	25	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
9740	0000	0100	smtwtfs	Singapore	50	135	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
11945	0000	0030	smtwtfs	Yamata	300	290	ENGLISH (ASE)	FE
15280	0000	0530	smtwtfs	Nakhon Sawan	250	40	ENGLISH (ASE)	FE
15360	0000	0300	smtwtfs	Singapore	100	13	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
17615	0000	0030	smtwtfs	Nakhon Sawan	250	25	ENGLISH (ASE)	FE
15360	0300	0500	smtwtfs	Nakhon Sawan	250	150	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
17760	0300	0500	smtwtfs	Nakhon Sawan	250	25	ENGLISH (ASE)	FE
21660	0300	0500	smtwtfs	Nakhon Sawan	250	45	ENGLISH (ASE)	FE
11955	0500	0900	smtwtfs	Nakhon Sawan	250	150	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
15360	0500	1000	smtwtfs	Singapore	125	25	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
15360	0500	1000	smtwtfs	Singapore	125	135	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
17760	0500	1000	smtwtfs	Singapore	100	13	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
21660	0500	0800	smtwtfs	Singapore	100	40	ENGLISH (ASE)	FE
21660	0800	1030	smtwtfs	Nakhon Sawan	250	45	ENGLISH (ASE)	FE
6195	0900	1100	smtwtf.	Nakhon Sawan	250	0	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
6195	0900	1100	smtwtf.	Singapore	125	1	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
6195	0900	1100	smtwtf.	Singapore	125	90	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS

9605	0900	1030	smtwtf.	Yamata	300	290	ENGLISH (ASE)	FE
9740	0900	1600	smtwtf.	Singapore	125	25	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
9740	0900	1600	smtwtf.	Singapore	125	135	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
6195	1000	1100	.....s	Singapore	125	1	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
6195	1000	1100	.....s	Singapore	125	90	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
6195	1000	1100	.....s	Nakhon Sawan	250	0	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
9740	1000	1600	.....s	Singapore	125	25	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
9740	1000	1600	.....s	Singapore	125	135	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
15360	1000	1030	smtwtfs	Singapore	100	13	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
17760	1000	1400	smtwtfs	Nakhon Sawan	250	25	ENGLISH (ASE)	FE
6195	1100	1700	smtwtfs	Singapore	125	1	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
6195	1100	1700	smtwtfs	Singapore	125	90	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
6135	1400	1600	smtwtfs	Nakhon Sawan	250	20	ENGLISH (ASE)	FE
3915	1600	1800	smtwtfs	Singapore	100	340	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
7160	1600	1800	smtwtfs	Singapore	250	1	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
3915	2100	2200	smtwtfs	Singapore	100	340	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
5965	2100	2400	smtwtfs	Nakhon Sawan	250	45	ENGLISH (ASE)	FE
6195	2100	2200	smtwtfs	Nakhon Sawan	250	150	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
11945	2100	2200	smtwtfs	Yamata	300	290	ENGLISH (ASE)	FE
6195	2200	2400	smtwtfs	Singapore	125	1	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
6195	2200	2400	smtwtfs	Singapore	125	90	ENGLISH (ASE)	FE AS
7105	2200	2300	smtwtfs	A'Seela	250	95	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
9740	2200	2400	smtwtfs	Singapore	50	25	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
9740	2200	2400	smtwtfs	Singapore	50	135	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
11955	2200	2300	smtwtfs	Singapore	250	13	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
3915	2300	2400	smtwtfs	Singapore	100	160	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
11945	2300	2400	smtwtfs	Yamata	300	290	ENGLISH (ASE)	FE
11955	2300	2400	smtwtfs	Nakhon Sawan	250	150	ENGLISH (ASE)	SE AS
15280	2300	2400	smtwtfs	Nakhon Sawan	250	40	ENGLISH (ASE)	FE
9580	2330	2400	smtwtfs	Kimjae	250	285	ENGLISH (ASE)	FE
5970	0000	0100	smtwtf.	A'Seela	250	63	ENGLISH (ASS)	S AS
9410	0000	0100	smtwtf.	Cyprus	250	101	ENGLISH (ASS)	SW AS
11955	0000	0100	smtwtf.	Nakhon Sawan	250	275	ENGLISH (ASS)	S AS
15310	0000	0100	smtwtf.	Nakhon Sawan	250	290	ENGLISH (ASS)	S AS
17790	0000	0100	smtwtf.	Singapore	100	315	ENGLISH (ASS)	S AS
9410	0100	0200	Smtwtfs	Cyprus	250	101	ENGLISH (ASS)	SW AS
11955	0100	0300	smtwtfs	A'Seela	250	63	ENGLISH (ASS)	S AS
15310	0100	0300	smtwtfs	Nakhon Sawan	250	290	ENGLISH (ASS)	S AS
17790	0100	0300	smtwtfs	Singapore	100	315	ENGLISH (ASS)	S AS
15310	0300	0600	smtwtfs	A'Seela	250	63	ENGLISH (ASS)	S AS
17790	0300	0700	smtwtfs	Nakhon Sawan	250	280	ENGLISH (ASS)	S AS
21830	0300	0500	smtwtfs	Cyprus	250	92	ENGLISH (ASS)	SW AS
15310	0600	1800	smtwtfs	Nakhon Sawan	250	290	ENGLISH (ASS)	S AS
17790	0700	0806	smtwtfs	A'Seela	250	63	ENGLISH (ASS)	S AS
21830	0800	0900	smtwtfs	Rampisham	500	92	ENGLISH (ASS)	SW AS
17790	0900	0930	.mtwtfs	A'Seela	250	63	ENGLISH (ASS)	S AS
17790	0930	1700	smtwtfs	A'Seela	250	63	ENGLISH (ASS)	S AS

5975	1500	1600	smtwtfs	Singapore	250	315	ENGLISH	(ASS)	S	AS
5975	1600	1830	smtwtfs	Nakhon Sawan	250	290	ENGLISH	(ASS)	S	AS
9510	1600	1800	smtwtfs	Singapore	250	315	ENGLISH	(ASS)	S	AS
9510	1800	1830	smtwtfs	Nakhon Sawan	250	255	ENGLISH	(ASS)	S	AS
6195	1100	1130	.mtwtf.	Antigua	250	160	ENGLISH	(CARIBBEAN)	CARIB	
15190	1100	1130	.mtwtf.	Antigua	125	205	ENGLISH	(CARIBBEAN)	CARIB	
15190	1100	1130	.mtwtf.	Antigua	125	300	ENGLISH	(CARIBBEAN)	CARIB	
6195	1200	1230	.mtwtf.	Antigua	250	160	ENGLISH	(CARIBBEAN)	CARIB	
15190	1200	1230	.mtwtf.	Antigua	125	205	ENGLISH	(CARIBBEAN)	CARIB	
15190	1200	1230	.mtwtf.	Antigua	125	300	ENGLISH	(CARIBBEAN)	CARIB	
5975	2100	2130	.mtwtf.	Antigua	250	160	ENGLISH	(CARIBBEAN)	CARIB	
11675	2115	2130	.mtwtf.	Antigua	125	235	ENGLISH	(CARIBBEAN)	CARIB	
11675	2115	2130	.mtwtf.	Antigua	125	300	ENGLISH	(CARIBBEAN)	CARIB	
15390	2115	2130	.mtwtf.	Greenville	250	174	ENGLISH	(CARIBBEAN)	CARIB	
6195	0400	0600	smtwtfs	Rampisham	500	168	ENGLISH	(EUR)	W	EUR
6195	0400	0600	smtwtfs	Skelton	300	110	ENGLISH	(EUR)		EUR
9410	0400	0600	smtwtfs	Rampisham	500	62	ENGLISH	(EUR)		RUSS
9410	0400	0600	smtwtfs	Skelton	300	125	ENGLISH	(EUR)		EUR
9410	0400	0700	smtwtfs	Skelton	300	180	ENGLISH	(EUR)	W	EUR
12095	0600	1700	smtwtfs	Woofferton	250	140	ENGLISH	(EUR)		EUR
15485	0600	1800	smtwtfs	Skelton	300	180	ENGLISH	(EUR)	W	EUR
9410	1600	1700	smtwtfs	Cyprus	250	295	ENGLISH	(EUR)	W	EUR
6195	1700	1900	smtwtfs	Skelton	300	110	ENGLISH	(EUR)		EUR
6195	1700	2200	smtwtfs	Rampisham	500	168	ENGLISH	(EUR)	W	EUR
9410	1700	2200	smtwtfs	Cyprus	250	327	ENGLISH	(EUR)		EUR
6195	1900	2200	smtwtfs	Cyprus	250	343	ENGLISH	(EUR)	N	EUR
6195	2200	2300	smtwtfs	Cyprus	250	295	ENGLISH	(EUR)	W	EUR
11760	0300	0500	smtwtfs	Cyprus	250	77	ENGLISH	(MEF)	W	AS
12095	0300	0400	smtwtfs	Cyprus	250	7	ENGLISH	(MEF)		RUSS
15575	0300	0500	smtwtfs	A'Seela	250	20	ENGLISH	(MEF)		ME
12095	0400	0600	smtwtfs	Cyprus	250	327	ENGLISH	(MEF)		EUR
11760	0500	0600	smtwtfs	A'Seela	250	320	ENGLISH	(MEF)		ME
15565	0500	1800	smtwtfs	Rampisham	500	62	ENGLISH	(MEF)		RUSS
15575	0500	0730	smtwtfs	Cyprus	250	92	ENGLISH	(MEF)	W	AS
11760	0700	1400	smtwtfs	A'Seela	250	320	ENGLISH	(MEF)		ME
17640	0700	1500	smtwtfs	Woofferton	300	70	ENGLISH	(MEF)		RUSS
17640	0700	1500	smtwtfs	Skelton	300	140	ENGLISH	(MEF)		EUR
15575	0730	0900	s.....s	Cyprus	250	92	ENGLISH	(MEF)	W	AS
15575	0900	1200	smtwtfs	Cyprus	250	92	ENGLISH	(MEF)	W	AS
15575	1200	1500	smtwtfs	Cyprus	250	117	ENGLISH	(MEF)		ME
12095	1700	1900	smtwtfs	Woofferton	250	78	ENGLISH	(MEF)		RUSS
15310	1800	2000	smtwtfs	Nakhon Sawan	250	300	ENGLISH	(MEF)		ME
5970	0000	0100	.....s	A'Seela	250	63	ENGLISH	(NEWS)	S	AS
9410	0000	0100	.....s	Cyprus	250	101	ENGLISH	(NEWS)		ME

11955	0000	0100	.....s	Nakhon Sawan	250	275	ENGLISH (NEWS)	S AS
15310	0000	0100	.....s	Nakhon Sawan	250	290	ENGLISH (NEWS)	S AS
17790	0000	0100	.....s	Singapore	100	315	ENGLISH (NEWS)	S AS
6195	0200	0300	smtwtfs	Rampisham	500	62	ENGLISH (NEWS)	RUSS
9410	0200	0300	smtwtfs	Cyprus	250	7	ENGLISH (NEWS)	RUSS
9410	0200	0400	smtwtfs	Skelton	300	125	ENGLISH (NEWS)	EUR
9750	0200	0300	smtwtfs	Seychelles	250	280	ENGLISH (NEWS)	E AF
11760	0200	0300	smtwtfs	Cyprus	250	101	ENGLISH (NEWS)	ME
6195	0300	0400	smtwtfs	Rampisham	500	110	ENGLISH (NEWS)	EUR
9410	0300	0400	smtwtfs	Rampisham	500	62	ENGLISH (NEWS)	RUSS
6195	0900	1000	.....s	Singapore	125	1	ENGLISH (NEWS)	SE AS
6195	0900	1000	.....s	Singapore	125	90	ENGLISH (NEWS)	SE AS
6195	0900	1000	.....s	Nakhon Sawan	250	0	ENGLISH (NEWS)	SE AS
9605	0900	1030	.....s	Yamata	300	290	ENGLISH (NEWS)	FE
9740	0900	1000	.....s	Singapore	125	25	ENGLISH (NEWS)	SE AS
9740	0900	1000	.....s	Singapore	125	135	ENGLISH (NEWS)	SE AS
17790	0900	0930	s.....	A'Seela	250	63	ENGLISH (NEWS)	S AS
9870	2230	2300	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	265	BRAZILIAN	S AM
11965	2230	2300	smtwtfs	Antigua	250	160	BRAZILIAN	S AM
15390	2230	2300	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	245	BRAZILIAN	S AM
3390	0430	0500	smtwtfs	Meyerton	100	76	PORTUGUESE (AF)	S AF
6135	0430	0500	smtwtfs	Meyerton	250	32	PORTUGUESE (AF)	S AF
7205	0430	0500	smtwtfs	Meyerton	500	335	PORTUGUESE (AF)	S AF
3390	2030	2100	smtwtfs	Meyerton	100	76	PORTUGUESE (AF)	S AF
6135	2030	2100	smtwtfs	Meyerton	250	32	PORTUGUESE (AF)	S AF
7205	2030	2100	smtwtfs	Meyerton	500	335	PORTUGUESE (AF)	S AF
11855	2030	2100	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	27	PORTUGUESE (AF)	W AF
13745	2030	2100	smtwtfs	Rampisham	500	189	PORTUGUESE (AF)	W AF
15105	2030	2100	smtwtfs	Woofferton	250	170	PORTUGUESE (AF)	W AF
5875	0000	0115	smtwtfs	Rampisham	500	227	SPANISH	S AM
5875	0000	0115	smtwtfs	Skelton	300	260	SPANISH	C AM
6110	0000	0115	smtwtfs	Antigua	125	235	SPANISH	S AM
6110	0000	0115	smtwtfs	Antigua	125	290	SPANISH	C AM
6110	0000	0115	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	235	SPANISH	S AM
9525	0000	0115	smtwtfs	Ascension	250	235	SPANISH	S AM
11765	0000	0115	smtwtfs	Acension	250	265	SPANISH	S AM
5875	0115	0130	..twtf	Rampisham	500	227	SPANISH	S AM
5875	0115	0130	..twtf	Skelton	300	260	SPANISH	C AM
6110	0115	0130	..twtf	Antigua	125	235	SPANISH	S AM
6110	0115	0130	..twtf	Antigua	125	290	SPANISH	C AM
6110	0115	0130	..twtf	Ascension	250	235	SPANISH	S AM
9525	0115	0130	..twtf	Ascension	250	235	SPANISH	S AM
11765	0115	0130	..twtf	Ascension	250	265	SPANISH	S AM
5995	0300	0345	smtwtfs	Delano	250	125	SPANISH	C S AM
6110	0300	0345	smtwtfs	Antigua	125	235	SPANISH	S AM

6110	0300	0345	smtwtfs	Antigua	125	290	SPANISH	C AM
7325	0300	0345	sm.....	Rampisham	500	285	SPANISH	C AM
7325	0300	0345	smtwtfs	Skelton	300	260	SPANISH	C AM
7325	0300	0345	..twtf	Rampisham	500	285	SPANISH	C AM
9515	0300	0345	smtwtfs	Delano	250	125	SPANISH	C S AM
5995	0345	0400	..twtf	Delano	250	125	SPANISH	C S AM
6110	0345	0400	..twtf	Antigua	125	235	SPANISH	S AM
6110	0345	0400	..twtf	Antigua	125	290	SPANISH	C AM
7325	0345	0400	..twtf	Skelton	300	260	SPANISH	C AM
7325	0345	0400	..twtf	Rampisham	500	285	SPANISH	C AM
9515	0345	0400	..twtf	Delano	250	125	SPANISH	C S AM
6110	1100	1130	.mtwtf.	Greenville	250	200	SPANISH	CARIB
6130	1100	1130	.mtwtf.	Delano	250	115	SPANISH	C S AM
9670	1100	1130	.mtwtf.	Antigua	250	270	SPANISH	C AM
15220	1100	1130	.mtwtf.	Ascension	250	235	SPANISH	S AM
6130	1300	1330	.mtwtf.	Delano	250	126	SPANISH	C S AM
9670	1300	1330	.mtwtf.	Delano	250	125	SPANISH	C S AM
15325	1300	1330	.mtwtf.	Greenville	250	164	SPANISH	C S AM

15400	0529	0559	s.....s	Meyerton	250	7	GREAT LAKES	E AF
17885	0529	0559	s.....s	Seychelles	250	270	GREAT LAKES	E AF
11860	1630	1700	.mtwtf.	Seychelles	250	270	GREAT LAKES	E AF
21490	1630	1700	.mtwtf.	Meyerton	500	7	GREAT LAKES	E AF

[meaning Kinyarwanda, Kirundi, and others??]

(via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, DXLD) excerpted by gh from a complete BBC/Merlin schedule by language

** U K. Chris Evans 'brought down by arrogance and drinking spree'
Chris Evans suffered from an overbearing arrogance and conceit that led to his inevitable dismissal from Virgin Radio, the High Court was told yesterday...

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,2-616962,00.html>

(via Bill Westenhover, DXLD)

** U K. Alan Keith (Filed: 19/03/2003)

Alan Keith, who has died aged 94, was the longest-serving disc jockey on British radio; his rich and mellifluous tones could be heard every Sunday evening for 44 years on Radio 2's Your Hundred Best Tunes, bringing a touch of solace and relaxation to the airwaves.

The programme, originally entitled The Hundred Best Tunes in the World, was devised by Keith in 1959 and first broadcast in November that year. It was a simple formula; Keith would choose a selection of light classical music from the BBC gramophone library, and introduce each extract in his matchless modulated style, interspersed with small snippets of information. He was contracted for a 13-week run of half-

hour shows but the series was so popular that the run was extended and the show became an hour long; it has been on air ever since....
<http://news.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2003/03/19/db1902.xml>
(via Bill Westenhaver, DXLD)

ALAN KEITH DIES; BBC'S OLDEST DJ March 19, 2003

LONDON -- Alan Keith, Britain's oldest national radio disc jockey whose broadcasting career spanned 70 years, died Monday after a short illness, the British Broadcasting Corp. said. He was 94....
http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/hollywoodreporter/music/brief_display.jsp?vnu_content_id=1842833
(via Jilly Dybka, KF4ZE0, TN, March 20 via DXLD)

More on this British radio DJ; show was once on the BBC WS.
<http://news.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2003/03/20/nevans20.xml>
(via Bill Westenhaver, DXLD)

** U K / U S A. The White House is vowing a strong retaliatory response after the BBC aired live video of President Bush getting his hair coiffed in the Oval Office as he squirmed in his chair and practiced on the teleprompter minutes before Wednesday night's speech announcing the launch of military operations against Saddam Hussein. etc...
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A1027-2003Mar20.html>
73 (Kim Elliott, DXLD)

** U S A. Glenn, re WWBS, Macon, GA I tried to tune them in on both of the previous two week ends and did not hear them. The signal is never strong in Southern California. The most interesting thing about the station was the different co and adjacent channel interference conditions during each half hour that WWBS operated (Donald Wilson, March 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Anyhow, check UT Sat & Sun 0000-0200 on 11900. Mrs. Josey, the widow was often heard on the air (gh)

** U S A. Hi Glenn, today, while checking the FM band I happened across the voice of Family Radio's Harold Camping on WFRW 88.1 Webster, NY. As has been reported elsewhere, Camping is calling for Christians to leave their churches in order to stand against Satan and be true to the word of God (as uniquely interpreted by Camping). This was my first chance to hear it for myself (I normally avoid almost all so-called "Christian" programming on the radio or TV). I got a bit steamed as I heard Camping outline his position, since I am involved in church life, so I called the network. Before I got more than a sentence of my complaint in, the unidentified person who answered became instantly sympathetic, and said that the station is completely owned by Camping, and that he says whatever he wants, no matter the feedback from listeners and station personnel. He indicated that he

continues to attend his own church, in spite of the teaching of his boss. I asked him if he had any feelings of conflict about working for such an owner, and is it not a betrayal to the conservative listeners who had long felt Family Radio to be a good complement to their church life? He explained that he has a mortgage to pay, and cited examples of people who continue to work for despicable organizations because they need the work. I was rather surprised that the person on the phone spoke so freely to a complete stranger (Rev. Jim Renfrew, NY, March 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WBOH 5920 kHz. Full data FBN lighthouse QSL signed by RL Bendick for tests on 5920 kHz. Received in 13 days for mailed report and \$1 US. Address 520 Roberts Road, Newport, NC 28570. Stick on note indicates "Testing began during the first week of March". Program guide has "Worldwide 24 Hour Broadcasting WTJC 9370 kHz Working Till Jesus Comes, WBOH 5920 kHz Worldwide Beacon of Hope" 73, (-.. . Kraig Krist, KG4LAC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Today's FCC daily digest contains at
http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-03-831A1.pdf

IBOC NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

AM and FM Stations Implementing Digital Operations May Do So Without Special Temporary Authority; Notification Required Within 10 Days of Commencement of Digital Operations

(The FCC Public Notice defines what information needs to be in the notification letter.)

(Additionally the FCC) require(s) all stations that have commenced IBOC operations under an STA to send a digital notification letter with the information listed above (Donald Wilson, Mar 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. BROADCAST BITS --- WOSU-AM airing BBC news
Columbus Dispatch, March 20, 2003

BBC overnight news is now available at 8 p.m. weeknights on WOSU (820 AM). The news service replaces jazz programming.

"When we began airing jazz two years ago, we labeled it as an experiment, and it has not drawn the audience as we hoped it might," said David Carwile, manager of the WOSU radio stations. "The message came through from many listeners: 'I love the music; I can't listen to it on mono AM with all the static and interference.'"

Along with adding the BBC service, WOSU-AM is re-emphasizing its

commitment to news and is referring to itself as "NPR 820," a change from "News 820." (via Dave Hammer, MVDXC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Is this the future? Some of the biggest rallies this month have endorsed President Bush's strategy against Saddam Hussein, and the common thread linking most of them is Clear Channel Worldwide Inc., the U.S.'s largest owner of radio stations.

<http://www.commondreams.org/headlines03/0319-01.htm>

(Gail J. Cohen Editor, Law Times via caj list via Ricky Leong, DXLD)

** U S A. Web Sites for AM DX Stuff

We're looking at a number of regional radio sites this week...

BenMac.com is the source to go to for information on the media in Birmingham, Alabama... there are lists of stations (and links) and news articles featured, and links to radio articles from the Post-Herald, Birmingham's newspaper. There's a lot of material on advertising, complimenting [sic] radio industry news. Go to <http://www.benmac.com/bmc/>

<http://www.sdradio.net/> is the site to look to for San Diego radio news and information, and is kept current; the March 11 news begins with the story that KSDO-1130 is changing formats from News-talk to Spanish Christian "Radio Nueva Vida", and many comments about the Mighty 1090's debut.

RadioEmporium.net bills itself as "The Southwest's #1 Radio Site"-it covers AZ, NM, NV, UT, CO, TX and OK. Call sign histories can be found here, as well as logos, news stories, forums, and other features. It's located at <http://radioemporium.net/>

If you are looking for radio news out of Utah, and especially Salt Lake City, then this site is for you... SaltLakeRadio.com and UtahRadioNews.com have merged. There are lots of current news stories about the radio industry, station guides and links to articles in the local newspapers, including the "Radio Dial" column by Lynn Arave from the Deseret News. Have a look-see at <http://www.utahradionews.com/>

If you have found an interesting website that revolves around AM medium wave radio, or complimentary facets of the hobby, be sure and let us know about it! --RT (Rich Toebe, IRCA Soft DX Monitor March 15 via DXLD)

** U S A. Speaking of Utah... Ye editor passes along the following info from KWLW-700 UT. After an inquiry to station concerning their proposed change to KALL and news/talk:

"Thanks for listening. We are still exploring our options for the Classic Country format. Keep listening and we'll let you know!
Eddie Haskell, Program Director"

Ye editor passes along additional information from KALL-910 UT.
concerning the aforementioned change after an inquiry to the station
concerning their proposed change to Radio Disney:

"I'm afraid I can only really speak for one company in this three company deal. We (Mercury Broadcasting) are selling the frequency 910am to ABC/Disney. Then, we are selling the KALL call letters and programming to Clear Channel.

"I can tell you that ABC Disney has said publicly that they will be moving their Radio Disney format to this frequency. Clear Channel has publicly stated they will move KALL radio to 700 and drop Classic Country. Prior to ABC purchasing their own station (910a), they have run their Radio Disney on 860 am owned by Citadel. I have no idea what their future intentions are for 860am once ABC/Disney moves Radio Disney. That would be a question for Citadel.

Keith Abrams, Station Manager, Mercury Broadcasting/Salt Lake City
KOSY 106.5-KRAR 106.9/CHANNEL 105-7/KALL 910"
(via Robert Wien, IRCA Soft DX Monitor March 22 via DXLD) ###